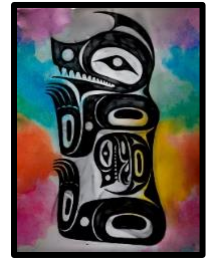




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February 25, 2021

Ellen Wheatley, Acting Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Director Wheatley:

This letter describes how the Quinault Indian Nation tentatively plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction. The full plan has not yet been determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our plan to gather information to help decide how we will use the funds is as follows: consult with our Tribal Governance and partners for recommendations, develop a focus group to provide feedback, and base determinations from information gathered from a community assessment. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

- Our full timeline will be established by September 30, 2021.

We tentatively plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

Our agency has not yet determined if our CRRSA award will be utilized for this purpose.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

Our agency plans to utilize CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, technical assistance in support of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from Tribal, State, and local health departments along with the Center for Disease Control.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Our agency has not yet determined if our CRRSA funds will be utilized for this purpose.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

After further guidance is available, our agency will establish policies and procedures for assisting providers who were not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic.

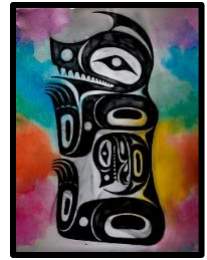
5. Other

- Contracting with cleaning company



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- Upgrading equipment such as toothbrush holders, sanitizers, hands free dispensers, hands free faucets, sanitizing mats, air filtrations, masks and other PPE, floor cleaning sanitizer
- Building systems such as temporary operating standards, coaching systems for the teachers and providers, working alongside the Tribe's long term goals, work with experts to establish/maintain strong policies/procedures
- Develop structured policies for staff hiring and retention
- Expand outdoor areas and incorporate culture
- Construction or purchase of modular to house additional children due to decrease of classroom capacity
- Provide families with culture kits

The Quinault Indian Nation will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

Name of CCDF Lead Agency Official

Title

Name of State, Territory, or Tribal Nation

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